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**BEFORE THE  
BOARD OF REGISTERED NURSING  
DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS  
STATE OF CALIFORNIA**

In the Matter of the Accusation Against:

Case No. 2013-24

**SHERI COTTRELL, AKA SHERI LYNN  
COTTRELL**

**DEFAULT DECISION AND ORDER**

P.O. Box 4042  
Estes Park, CO 80517

[Gov. Code, §11520]

Registered Nurse License No. 510410

Respondent.

**FINDINGS OF FACT**

1. On or about July 10, 2012, Complainant Louise R. Bailey, M.Ed., RN, in her official capacity as the Interim Executive Officer of the Board of Registered Nursing, Department of Consumer Affairs, filed Accusation No. 2013-24 against Sheri Cottrell, aka Sheri Lynn Cottrell ("Respondent") before the Board of Registered Nursing. (Accusation attached as Exhibit A.)

2. On or about April 6, 1995, the Board of Registered Nursing ("Board") issued Registered Nurse License No. 510410 to Respondent. The Registered Nurse License was in full force and effect at all times relevant to the charges brought in Accusation No. 2013-24 and will expire on November 30, 2012, unless renewed.

3. On or about July 10, 2012, Respondent was served by Certified and First Class Mail copies of the Accusation No. 2013-24, Statement to Respondent, Notice of Defense, Request for Discovery, and Discovery Statutes (Government Code sections 11507.5, 11507.6, and 11507.7) at Respondent's address of record which, pursuant to California Code of Regulations, title 16,

1 section 1409.1, is required to be reported and maintained with the Board. Respondent's address  
2 of record was and is:

3 P.O. Box 4042  
4 Estes Park, CO 80517.

5 4. Service of the Accusation was effective as a matter of law under the provisions of  
6 Government Code section 11505, subdivision (c) and/or Business & Professions Code section  
7 124.

8 5. As of August 8, 2012, the Board has not received any returned mail.

9 6. Government Code section 11506 states, in pertinent part:

10 (c) The respondent shall be entitled to a hearing on the merits if the respondent  
11 files a notice of defense, and the notice shall be deemed a specific denial of all parts  
12 of the accusation not expressly admitted. Failure to file a notice of defense shall  
13 constitute a waiver of respondent's right to a hearing, but the agency in its discretion  
14 may nevertheless grant a hearing.

15 7. Respondent failed to file a Notice of Defense within 15 days after service upon her of  
16 the Accusation, and therefore waived her right to a hearing on the merits of Accusation No. 2013-  
17 24.

18 8. California Government Code section 11520 states, in pertinent part:

19 (a) If the respondent either fails to file a notice of defense or to appear at the  
20 hearing, the agency may take action based upon the respondent's express admissions  
21 or upon other evidence and affidavits may be used as evidence without any notice to  
22 respondent.

23 9. Pursuant to its authority under Government Code section 11520, the Board finds  
24 Respondent is in default. The Board will take action without further hearing and, based on the  
25 relevant evidence contained in the Default Decision Evidence Packet in this matter, as well as  
26 taking official notice of all the investigatory reports, exhibits and statements contained therein on  
27 file at the Board's offices regarding the allegations contained in Accusation No. 2013-24, finds  
28 that the charges and allegations in Accusation No. 2013-24, are separately and severally, found to  
be true and correct by clear and convincing evidence.

1           10. Taking official notice of its own internal records, pursuant to Business and  
2 Professions Code section 125.3, it is hereby determined that the reasonable costs for Investigation  
3 and Enforcement is \$825.00 as of August 8, 2012.

4                                   **DETERMINATION OF ISSUES**

5           1. Based on the foregoing findings of fact, Respondent Sheri Cottrell, aka Sheri Lynn  
6 Cottrell has subjected her Registered Nurse License No. 510410 to discipline.

7           2. The agency has jurisdiction to adjudicate this case by default.

8           3. The Board of Registered Nursing is authorized to revoke Respondent's Registered  
9 Nurse License based upon the following violations alleged in the Accusation which are supported  
10 by the evidence contained in the Default Decision Evidence Packet in this case.:

11           a. Respondent is subject to disciplinary action under section 2761, subdivision (a)(4) of  
12 the Code in that on or about August 22, 2007, Respondent was disciplined by the State of  
13 Colorado Board of Nursing ("Colorado Board") when the Colorado Board sent Respondent a  
14 letter via certified mail admonishing Respondent for her conduct and indicating that any  
15 complaint disclosing a repetition of such conduct or any other violation of the Nurse Practice Act  
16 may lead to further discipline. The circumstances underlying the disciplinary action are described  
17 in more particularity in Accusation No. 2013-24 hereby incorporated by reference.

18           b. Respondent is subject to disciplinary action under section 2761 of the Code on the  
19 grounds of unprofessional conduct in that Respondent failed to demonstrate the appropriate  
20 oversight and intervention in the provision of nursing care to a patient. The conduct is described  
21 in more particularity in Accusation No. 2013-24 hereby incorporated by reference.

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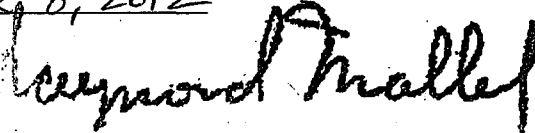
1 ORDER

2 IT IS SO ORDERED that Registered Nurse License No. 510410, heretofore issued to  
3 Respondent Sheri Cottrell, aka Sheri Lynn Cottrell, is revoked.

4 Pursuant to Government Code section 11520, subdivision (c), Respondent may serve a  
5 written motion requesting that the Decision be vacated and stating the grounds relied on within  
6 seven (7) days after service of the Decision on Respondent. The agency in its discretion may  
7 vacate the Decision and grant a hearing on a showing of good cause, as defined in the statute.

8 This Decision shall become effective on DECEMBER 7, 2012.

9 It is so ORDERED NOVEMBER 8, 2012

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11 FOR THE BOARD OF REGISTERED NURSING  
12 DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS

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14 default decision LIC.rtf  
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15 Attachment:  
16 Exhibit A: Accusation No. 2013-24

# Exhibit A

Accusation

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13 **CORDILL**

**A C C U S A T I O N**

14 P.O. Box 4042  
Estes Park, CO 80517

15 Registered Nurse License No. 510410

16 Respondent.

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18 Complainant alleges:

19 **PARTIES**

20 1. Louise R. Bailey, M.Ed., RN ("Complainant") brings this Accusation solely in her  
21 official capacity as the Interim Executive Officer of the Board of Registered Nursing, Department  
22 of Consumer Affairs.

23 2. On or about April 6, 1995, the Board of Registered Nursing issued Registered Nurse  
24 License Number 510410 to Sheri Cottrell, aka Sheri Lynn Cordill ("Respondent"). The  
25 Registered Nurse License was in full force and effect at all times relevant to the charges brought  
26 herein and will expire on November 30, 2012, unless renewed.

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1 have committed a violation or violations of the licensing act to pay a sum not to exceed the  
2 reasonable costs of the investigation and enforcement of the case.

3 **FIRST CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE**

4 **(Disciplinary Action by the State of Colorado Board of Nursing)**

5 9. Respondent is subject to disciplinary action under section 2761, subdivision (a)(4) of  
6 the Code in that Respondent was disciplined by the State of Colorado Board of Nursing  
7 ("Colorado Board") as follows:

8 10. On or about August 22, 2007, the Colorado Board sent Respondent a letter via  
9 certified mail admonishing Respondent for her conduct and indicating that any complaint  
10 disclosing a repetition of such conduct or any other violation of the Nurse Practice Act may lead  
11 to further discipline. The circumstances underlying the disciplinary action are that on or about  
12 June 20, 2005, while employed as a charge nurse at Estes Park Medical Center Respondent  
13 demonstrated a lack of oversight and intervention in the provision of nursing care to a patient.  
14 Specifically, Respondent assigned a registered nurse ("RN") and a Licensed Practical Nurse  
15 ("LPN") to an 84 year old female patient. The patient had physician orders for Lasix IV and four  
16 units of packed red blood cells ("PRBCs"). Both tasks are not within the scope of practice of the  
17 LPN. Respondent failed to ensure that the PRBCs were verified by two RN's prior to infusion  
18 and that the PRBCs and IV Lasix were appropriately administered. The LPN administered two  
19 units of PRBCs and IV Lasix without appropriate delegation.

20 **SECOND CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE**

21 **(Unprofessional Conduct)**

22 11. Respondent is subject to disciplinary action under section 2761 of the Code on the  
23 grounds of unprofessional conduct in that Respondent failed to demonstrate the appropriate  
24 oversight and intervention in the provision of nursing care to a patient. The conduct is described  
25 in more particularity in paragraphs 9 and 10 above, inclusive and herein incorporated by  
26 reference.

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**PRAYER**

WHEREFORE, Complainant requests that a hearing be held on the matters herein alleged, and that following the hearing, the Board of Registered Nursing issue a decision:

1. Revoking or suspending Registered Nurse License Number 510410, issued to Sheri Cottrell, aka Sheri Lynn Cordill;
2. Ordering Sheri Cottrell aka Sheri Lynn Cordill to pay the Board of Registered Nursing the reasonable costs of the investigation and enforcement of this case, pursuant to Business and Professions Code section 125.3;
3. Taking such other and further action as deemed necessary and proper.

DATED: July 10, 2012

Louise R. Bailey  
LOUISE R. BAILEY, M.ED., RN  
Interim Executive Officer  
Board of Registered Nursing  
Department of Consumer Affairs  
State of California  
Complainant

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